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## EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

 An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

- Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Bernard Friedrichsen on June 15, 2010.
- The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 48 and 49 have been canceled.

## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- Based upon the response filed March 23, 2010, the improper Markush objection and objection to the specification are withdrawn.
- Based upon the response filed March 23, 2010, the rejections under nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 7,649,110; 35 U.S.C. 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph; 35 U.S.C. 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph; and 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based upon Vincent et al. are withdrawn.
- 6. Non-elected claims 41 and 45-47 are rejoined with the invention of Group I.
- Applicants preserve the right to file divisional applications drawn to the nonelected subject matter of claims 48 and 49.
- Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Zinna N. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-

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10. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding

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